of undue influence at an election. The words 'interferes or attempts to interfere with the free exercise of any electoral right' are too vague and indefinite and the provision is likely to be abused by the authorities and mischievously inclined complainants. Evidently what is contemplated by Section 164 C is to prevent undue influence at elections. Clauses (2) (*a*) and (*b*) of the Section make ample provision for threats, inducements and other kinds of known interferences. I therefore think that Clause 1 of Section 164 C is unnecessary and that it is calculated to do more harm than good. Again the punishment for failure to keep election accounts is rather heavy, to begin with. With these few observations I beg to accept the principle of the Bill."

Mr. Subba Aiyar's motion was carried.

Mr. Subba Aiyar then read out the portion of the draft election rules relating to the appointment of Commissioners and said:—

"These rules will show, as I have already said, the nature of the enquiry to be conducted, and the persons who are to be appointed as Commissioners. The rules are only in draft form. The public will be given time to offer their suggestions and it is only after considering their suggestions that the rules will be finally passed. Seeing that there is no objection to the provisions of the Bill, I think that it is unnecessary to refer it to a Select Committee and I accordingly move that the Bill be taken up for consideration at once, the operation of the rules being suspended."

Seconded by Mr. Rajaraja Varma.

Mr. Subba Aiyar's motion was carried.

President:—

"Mr. Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai has given notice of two amendments to the Bill. If the members desire to go through the provisions of the Bill again with a view to see if they require to be improved in any manner, I have no objection to the discussion of the Bill being postponed till to-morrow."

Mr. Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai:—

"I would suggest that the Bill be taken up for consideration and gone through after lunch. In the meantime, the Members may go through the Bill once again and see if any more amendments are required."

The Council accepted Mr. Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai's proposal.

THE LIMITATION REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar:—

"Sir,

This is a very important measure. The amending Bill repeals the existing Regulation and contains a large number of amendments embodied in it. It was thought that this Bill should be introduced along with the Civil Procedure Code Amendment Bill. This is not now before the Council. That being the case, I do not know whether it is desirable to introduce this Bill at this meeting. Further if this Bill is referred to a Select Committee, there is no guarantee that the Members of the Select Committee will continue to sit for the consideration of the Bill as the Members will have to vacate office soon. Therefore, the consideration of the Bill by a Select Committee will have to be deferred until the new Council meets. In these circumstances, I think it will be better to defer the introduction of the Bill itself to the new Council."

The Council accepted Mr. Subba Aiyar's proposal.

THE IRRIGATION REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar:—

"It was decided at the last meeting of the Council that the Bill which is a short and non-contentious measure need not be referred to a Select Committee. I beg to move that the Bill be taken up for consideration at once."

Seconded by Dr. Kunjan Pillai.

Carried.

Mr. Subrahmanya Pillai:—

"With regard to the rules proposed to be framed under this measure I suggest that before they are finally passed by Government, they may be published in the Gazette, and the people allowed a voice in the matter."

President:—

"The suggestion will be borne in mind."

The consideration of the Bill over, Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the Bill be finally read and passed, the operation of the rules being suspended.

Seconded by Mr. Anantanarayana Aiyar.

Carried.

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